

Tiedonantoja — Notes

The occurrence of the Two-barred Crossbill *Loxia leucoptera* in NE Finland

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HAKALA & NYHOLM (Ornis Fennica 1973, 50:46—47) stated that Two-barred Crossbills have usually been observed in Finland only in years of large-scale invasions. They found two nests of the species in Kuusamo, NE Finland, in 1971, and mentioned that the most recent record before that had been made in 1969. In 1969—73, the staff of the Värriö Subarctic Research Station made observations on this species in Itäkaira, about 200 km north of Kuusamo in NE Finland. These records appear to deserve publication, as the picture they give differs from that presented by HAKALA & NYHOLM 1973.

The following numbers of Two-barred Crossbills were observed in Itäkaira: 1969: 7, 1970: ca. 11, 1971: ca. 275, 1972:2, 1973:1. The distribution of these observations between different months is as follows:

Year	Month					
	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
1969	> 5		2	—	—	—
1970	—	—	5	—	—	ca. 6
1971	—	10	ca. 60	ca. 175	ca. 30	—
1972	—	—	2	—	—	—
1973	—	—	1	—	—	—

These numbers represent sight records only. They are naturally minimum values, since no special studies or systematic observations were carried out. The species was recorded in each of the years in June, when bird-watching was at its height. No nests of the species have been found so far, but it is likely that it breeds in the area. The greatest number was recorded in 1971. All the sex and age categories were represented among the birds seen. The bulk of the birds were seen at the end of June and the beginning of July, the biggest flock consisting of 27 individuals. At that time the Two-barred Crossbill was the most abundant of the three Crossbill species in the area.

Thus, the Two-barred Crossbill was recorded in NE Finland in each of the years 1969—73, including those when no large-scale invasions of the species occurred in the study area or in Finland in general.

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Laji havaittiin Koillis-Suomessa joka vuosi 1969—73, myös niinä vuosina, jolloin suurvaellusta ei havaittu tutkimusalueella eikä koko Suomessakaan. Taulukosta ilmenee havaittujen yksilöiden lukumäärä kuukausittain ja vuosittain.